

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lavern Alma Schulz was born on July 19, 1927, to Albert and Alma (Hellmers) Schulz at the family farm near Battle Creek, Nebraska, one of six children, and graduated from Norfolk High School; and,

Whereas, Lavern married Karl Gertson on June 7, 1945, and to that union three children were born: Arnold, Martin and Karen, who in turn blessed their lives with 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Lavern and Karl lived and worked on the family farm and ranch alongside Karl's parents, enduring drought, floods, blizzards, bumper crops and the ups and downs of building a reputable Hereford cattle herd; and,

Whereas, In 1986, Lavern and Karl retired and moved to Pierre, and after Karl passed away, Lavern was fortunate to meet and marry Albert "Nick" Roghair, adding Nick's two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren to her family; and,

Whereas, Lavern and Nick enjoyed several years of traveling and entertaining family and friends before Nick passed away in 2002, and Lavern soon after moved to the townhouse where she continues to enjoy her lifelong love of gardening, participating in church and senior citizen center activities and visits from family and friends; and,

Whereas, Lavern will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on July 22, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State